

AMMONIA

Household Uses

There are so many patent cleansers, disinfectants, and deodorants on the market that the uses of ammonia for all these purposes are sometimes overlooked. It is advisable always to keep a bottle of it in the house to supplement these other aids or to replace them if stock runs out.

Ammonia is good as a cleanser of plug-holes, and a little shaken on a damp cloth will quickly remove stains from toilet porcelain. China teapots which have become stained inside will yield to a bath of hot water and ammonia. It is important to rinse the inside thoroughly with several waters after this operation. If a few drops of ammonia are added to the washing-up

water, fewer soap flakes or soap powder will be required. Enough ammonia should be added to the water for washing woollens to make it feel really silky. This will make for quick cleansing without shrinkage. Ammonia can also be used for cleaning brushes in place of soap, which softens and yellows the bristles. When the smell of fish clings to washing and drying cloths in spite of thorough washing, pass them through water containing about a tablespoonful of ammonia to the pint. Cookery smells can be removed from the hands in the same way. A little ammonia added to warm water will make the washing of light paint easier and quicker.

An important point in dealing with ammonia is its storage. Always it should be set out of reach of inquisitive young fingers. In use it should be kept well away from the eyes.